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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Christopher E. Milliken, et al.
Serial No. : 10/671,902 / Conf. No. 8026
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Examiner : Raymond Alejandro
Group Art Unit : 1745
Title : Solid Oxide Fuel Cell Stack Assembly Having Tapered Diffusion Layers
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Reply to Office Action Issued April 7, 2006

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated April 7, 2006, please amend the above identified application without prejudice as follows. Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments below.